

CalFire, USFS team up to thin forest

Eldorado National Forest and CalFire Amador-Eldorado Unit have signed an agreement which transfers \$908,000 to the state agency to reduce hazardous fuels federal land.

This is the first supplemental project agreement under the Good Neighbor Master Agreement between the California Natural Resources Agency and the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region which was finalized in January.

The fuel reduction includes work on two phases of Fire Adapted 50 which is a key component of the South Fork American River Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. The funding will provide 1,000 crew days to treat 500 acres; a tracked chipper; an equipment trailer; and the environmental analysis required for additional fuel break construction.

The work includes 100 acres on the Camino Pollock Pines Fuel Break; and 400 acres on the Highway 50 Fuels Reduction Project. These projects are located in the wildland urban interface within a high value landscape along the Highway 50 corridor where there have been five major wildfires in the last 40 years.